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HOUSE RESOLUTION 277
By Patton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. William L. Gaby on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1940, William Gaby and Virginia Cox were joined in holy matrimony in Maryville, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, friends and family joined together to celebrate this momentous event on June 3, 2000, at the Asbury Center; the celebration was a wonderful time of reflecting on the past, sharing the joys of the present, and looking forward to the future; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Gaby are highly respected citizens of their community; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaby served with acumen and alacrity as the founding chairman of the East Tennessee State University Health Sciences Department, in which position he earned great respect for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man dedicated approximately twenty years to the noble precepts of providing quality educational instruction at ETSU before he retired in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Virginis Gaby is a caretaker in both her family life and in work; her compassion and skill is constantly called upon in her position as a registered nurse; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Gaby's children are Dr. Nancy Gaby-Lefkowitz of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Jenny G. Holt of Atlanta, Georgia, and Fran Gaby of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, the Gabys are also the proud grandparents of three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, for sixty glorious years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Gaby's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Dr. and Mrs. William L. Gaby on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.